Progress in Indo-Us Trade

4257. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has so far been made in the Indo-US bilateral talks on the Uruguay Round negotiations on the basis of Dunkel Draft; and

(b) whether differences relating to pharmaceuticals, chemicals and agriculture have since been resolved, if so, what is the present status in regard to these issues and how far the difference thereon have been sorted out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) While the US has been generally sympathetic to Indian concerns on agriculture and the issue of the farmer's right to retain seed of protected varieties for use in subsequent crops, differences persist in some other areas of TRIPS. Negotiations are expected to gather momentum in September, 1993 after the summer break.

Conversion of Leased Defence Land into Free-hold

4258 SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1992, and state :

(a) whether Government have received proposal from occupants for conversion of Leased Defence Land into free-hold, if so, what are the details thereof, Cantonment-wise;

(b) whether such proposal has been approved;

(c) whether Director General Estates (Defence) has been empowered for such concession;

(d) whether Defence Land is under private lease in Delhi Cantonment, Anand Parbat and Shakurbasti in Delhi, if so, what are the details thereof, serial-wise; and

(e) whether Director General Estates or any other competent authority has received any proposal during the last two years for conversion of Leased Defence Land into Free-hold in Delhi, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) Government have received seven proposals for conversion of lease hold into free-hold during the period January, 1992 to 31st July, 1993. Cantonment-wise details given in Statement 'A' (*See below*) also include one proposal in respect of lease hold site measuring 5.32 acres, Bungalow No. 4, University Road in Kingsway Camp in Delhi. Sanction has been accorded by Government in six out of seven cases.

No defence land is under lease in Anand Parbat and Shakurbasti in Delhi. The details showing the area and location of defence land in respect of private leases under CLA Rules 1937/1925 in Delhi Cantonment are in Statement 'B'.

The power to sanction such proposals vests with the Central Government and has not been delegated to Director General Defence Estates.

Statement 'A'

Cantonment-wise details of the proposals received for conversion into Free-Hold

Sl. No.	Name of Cantonment	GLR Sy. No.	Area in Sq. Mtrs	Date of sanction
1.	St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram	256/20-A	300.44	8 June, 1993
2.	—do—	388/432-E	242.48	16 Aug., 1993
3.	—do—	388/641-A	891.84	31 July, 1992
4.	Wellington	552/326-A	202.34	22 Dec., 1992
5.	Kirkee	280/69	74.35	30 July, 1993
6.	Pune	390/49	148.34	23 Aug., 1993
7.	Bungalow No. 4, University Road Kingsway Camp, Delhi.	—	5.32 acres	—

Statement 'B'

The details of Private Lease in Delhi Cantonment

Sl. No.	Property No. and location	Area
1	2	3
	Chandan Singh Park Delhi Cantt.	
1.	Plot No. 1 Sy. No. 11/1	7917.50 Sft.
2.	Plot No. 2—A Sy. No. 11/1 & Plot No. 2—B Sy. No. 11/1	2286.00 Sft. 3523.77 "
3.	Plot No. 3	3836.46 "
4.	Plot No. 4	3152.79 "
5.	Plot No. 5	3154.76 "
6.	Plot No. 6	3643.79 "
7.	Plot No. 7	4596.64 "
8.	Plot No. 8	4716.68 "
9.	Plot No. 9	4522.52 "
10.	Plot No. 10	4332.11 "
11.	Plot No. 11	4240.07 "
12.	Plot No. 12	4173.17 "
13.	Plot No. 13	5044.50 "
14.	Plot No. 14	6468.20 "
15.	Plot No. 15	4500.00 "
16.	Plot No. 15—A	4001.25 "
17.	Plot No. 15—B	5800.50 "
18.	Plot No. 15—C	6386.00 "
19.	Plot No. 16	18833.67 "
20.	Plot No. 17	3777.19 "
21.	Plot No. 18	4770.00 "
22.	Plot No. 19	8529.25 "
23.	Plot No. 20	4496.00 Sft.
	Church Road Delhi Cantt.	
24.	B. No. 1 Sy. No. 277	1.14 Acres
25.	B. No. 2—do—	0.98 "
	Maude Road Delhi Cantt.	
26.	B. No. 20	29250.00 Sft.
27.	B. No. 21 & 23	2.08 Acres
28.	B. No. 22	2619.46 Sq. Mtrs
	Kotwali Road Delhi Cantt.	
29.	B. No. 41—B	4000 Sq. Yds

30. Sy. No. 91 & 203/1 Delhi Cantt.	1585.00 Sft.
31. Sy. No. 105/2 D/Cantt.	2.00 Acres
32. Sy. No. 15 Piggery Delhi Cantt.	0.526 Acres

Upgrading Vijayanta Tanks

4259. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Economic Times of August 11, 1993 under the caption 'Vijayantas to be upgraded, delay in Arjun induction';

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any delay in the manufacture of Arjun tanks, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have decided to upgrade its fleet of Vijayanta tanks; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Vijayanta upgrade programme is independent of the programme for the induction of MBT-Arjun. Presently user trials of pre-production tanks of the MBT-Arjun is in progress and the production planning process has commenced. The question of delay in manufacturing the M. B. T. Arjun does not arise at this stage; and its production and induction programme has no bearing on the Vijayanta upgrade programme. The Vijayanta upgrade programme consists of many different elements with a view to increasing its power, improving its fire control systems and its night fighting capabilities.

सेना द्वारा ली गई आदिवासियों की भूमि

4260. श्री जयदेव डालम्ब पास्वान : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सेना रांची (बिहार) में "गाड़ी खोटभारा" के प्लाट संख्या 1337 और 1338 की आदिवासियों की भूमि पर अवैध रूप से कब्जा कर रखे है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस भूमि को सेना से छुड़ाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं क्योंकि इसके कारण उस जगह से आने-जाने वाले ग्रामवासियों को असुविधा हो रही है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) रक्षा विभाग द्वारा "गाड़ी खोटभारा" गांवों सहित आदिवासियों की भूमि का विधिवत अधिग्रहण किया गया था। अधिग्रहण के समय, लगभग 10 एकड़ भूमि पर "गाड़ी खोटभारा" के ग्रामीणों ने अवैध रूप से कब्जा कर लिया था जिनके विरूद्ध बाद में स्थानीय सैन्य प्राधिकारियों ने उनसे भूमि खाली कराने की कार्रवाई शुरू की और उन्हें उस भूमि से बेदखल कर दिया।

उस क्षेत्र में रह रहे आदिवासी सैन्य क्षेत्र से बेरोकटोक गुजरने के लिए समय-समय पर अभ्यावेदन देते रहे हैं। यह मामला ग्रामीणों और स्थानीय सैन्य प्राधिकारियों के बीच आपसी बातचीत से हल कर लिया गया था। जब यह मामला हाई कोर्ट ऑफ जुडीकेचर, पटना, रांची पीठ में चलाया गया तो न्यायालय ने स्थानीय प्राधिकारियों द्वारा ग्रामीणों के साथ विचार-विमर्श करके तय की गई व्यवस्था के संबंध में अपनी सहमति व्यक्त की।

Acquisition of British AS-90 gun system

4261. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army is likely to acquire British AS-90 gun system;

(b) what are the results of the field trials;

(c) whether the agreement has been finalised for the purchase of the gun;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the main factors weighing for the acquisition of the AS-90 gun system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Proposals for the induction of a Self Propelled Artillery Gun, (of which the AS-90 S. P. Gun is one of the various systems available internationally), have not yet reached the stage of acquisition or introduction. No other details can be divulged in the national security interest.

Supply of Spares from C. I. S.

4262. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps, so far to get the normal supply of spares for the I. A. F. restored from the Commonwealth of Independent States (C. I. S.); and